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Respondent:

**Double “E” Lawncare
20104 Doddtown Road
Harbeson, DE 19951**

Violations:

§1224(a)(3) –Engaging in the business of applying a pesticide on the lands of another without having a license granted by the Department.

Penalty:

Respondent signed a consent agreement in June 2022. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of \$1440.00

STIPULATED FACTS

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1. Double “E” Lawncare, (“Respondent”) is a commercial pesticide applicator business with an office located at 20104 Doddtown Road, Harbeson DE 19951. Respondent does not have a valid pesticide business license issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (“Department”). The business license associated with the respondent is listed as expired on 12/31/2019 in the pesticide sections salesforce database.
2. Tommy Engel (“Engel”) is the owner of Double “E” Lawncare. At the time of the inspection Mr. Engel’s certification (01-233) had expired on 12/31/2019.
3. Gabriel Allaneda (“Allaneda”) is employed by Double “E” Lawncare. Mr. Allaneda is not a certified applicator or a registered service employee.
4. Ricardo Santiago (“Santiago”) is employed by Double “E” Lawncare. Mr. Santiago is not a certified applicator or a registered service employee.
5. The Pesticide Section of the Department (“Complainant,”) is bringing this enforcement action against Respondent. Dustin Borntreger, (“Borntreger”), is employed as an Environmental Scientist III with the Department.



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6. On Tuesday, April 13th, 2022, Borntreger noticed a worker using a hand held sprayer on a property located at 4572 Paradise Alley Road, Felton DE 19943. Borntreger presented his credentials and notice of inspection to the workers and identified "Santiago" as the one using a hand sprayer to apply pesticides to the site. Borntreger asked the employees what they were spraying, to which they replied, "weed killer." The service vehicle contained three plastic jugs. The workers explained that two of the jugs was water and one was weed killer, the jugs were not labeled and the workers did not know the name of the product being applied.
7. Photographs of the applications equipment contained in the bed of the truck labeled with the "Double "E" logo.
8. On May 17th, 2017, a civil penalty was issued to Double "E" Lawncare, Docket Number 17-31.
9. Delaware Pesticide Rules and Regulations, Section 4.2 establishes Employee Registration. Section 4.2.1 states in part "Licensees shall register with the Department all employees who handle pesticides. Registration shall be made when making an application for a license or within 45 days after employment."
10. In the past 5 years, Respondent has one violation of the Delaware Pesticide Law. §1224(a) (10) Neglecting or, after notice, refusing to comply with the LAW, the rules adopted under the LAW, or any lawful order of the Department.